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SUBJECT: EMBARGO STATUS FERRO ALLOYS -- IL 1649

REF: COCOM DOC. DEF 1649/1-13

1. THE GERMAN COUNTERPROPOSAL FOR DECONTROLLING THE
COMMONLY USED INDUSTRIAL GRADES OF FERRONOBIAUM, FERROTANTA-
LUM AND FERRONIOBIUM-TANTALUM IS, BY REASON OF ITS COMBINED
REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINIMUM CONTENT OF 10 PERCENT IRON AND
20 PERCENT OF "OTHER" ADDITIVES, UNNECESSARILY RESTRICTIVE,
AND BECOMES PRETTY MUCH OF AN "EMPTY BOX", AT LEAST IN
TERMS OF US INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS.

2. WHEN VIEWED IN RETROSPECT, THE US PROPOSAL, WHICH MERELY
STIPULATES A MINIMUM IRON CONTENT OF 25 PERCENT, IS ALSO
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OPEN TO QUESTION.

3. THE FOLLOWING COMPROMISE PROPOSAL SHOULD THEREFORE
BE PRESENTED AS MEETING BOTH THE SECURITY OBJECTIVES
IMPLIED IN THE ORIGINAL US PROPOSAL AND THE GERMAN
RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED IN OECD PARIS 13805:

"THE EMBARGO PROVISIONS OF 1649 AND 1670 ARE NOT INTENDED TO INCLUDE THE INDUSTRIAL GRADES OF FERRONIOBIUM, FERROTANTALUM, FERRONIOBIUM-TANTALUM OR FERROTANTALUM-NIOBIUM WHICH CONTAIN AT LEAST 25 PERCENT BY WEIGHT OF IRON AND OTHER METALLIC OR METALLOID ELEMENTS COMMON THERETO."

4. USDEL WILL NOTE THAT THIS FREES ALLOYS HAVING BY WEIGHT 25 PERCENT OR MORE OF IRON AND ELEMENTS OTHER THAN FERROTANTALUM, FERRONIOBIUM, ETC.

5. ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR US POSITION GIVEN IN TTG OF MAY 23 WHICH WILL BE IN POUCH OF JUNE 25. PRACHT WILL ALSO HAND-CARRY. HOWEVER, USDEL MAY NOW WISH SUBMIT PROPOSAL IN DOCUMENT FORM SO THAT OTHER DELEGATIONS MAY STUDY BEFORE DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 5. CHRISTOPHER

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